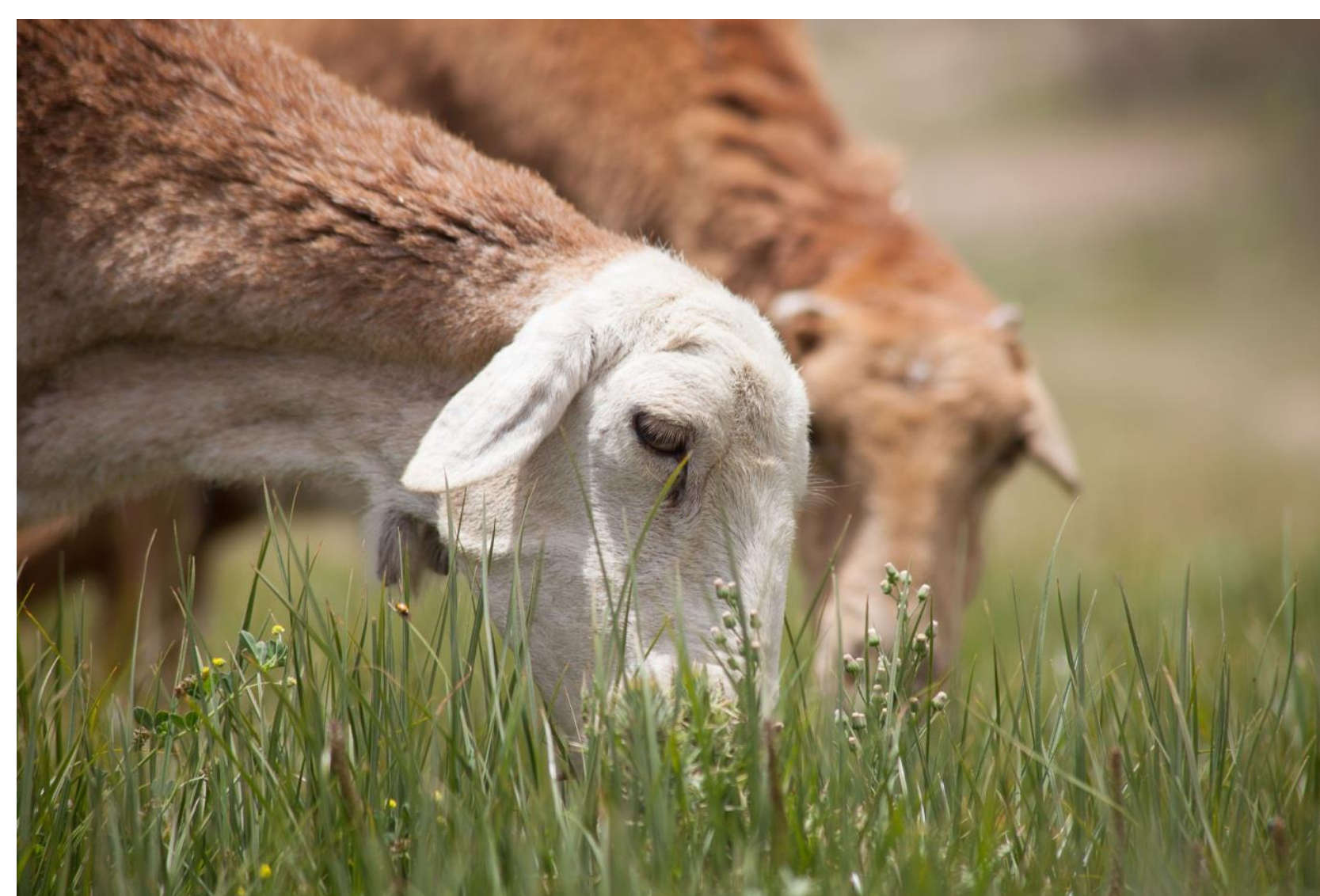




Altitude	2400-3000
Habitat	Highland
Distance from Addis	851
Production system	Mixed crop-livestock
Human population	112,639 (as of 2013)
% of female headed household	23%
Major products	Meat (live animals)

## Challenges in the value chain

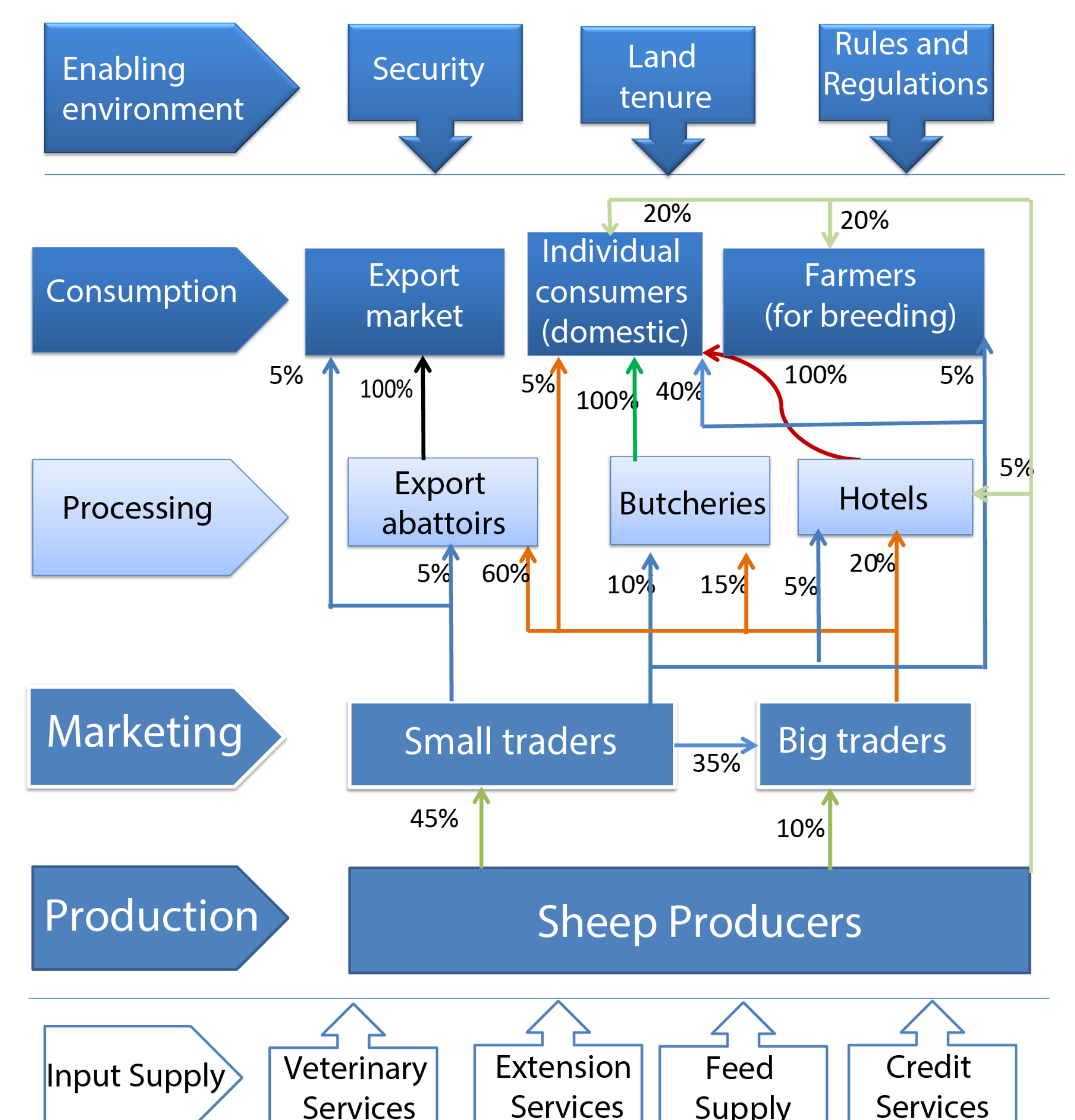
- Farm and grazing land scarcity – limiting access to livestock feed
- High incidence of infectious diseases and parasites (pasteurellosis, coenurosis, and liver fluke)
- Shortage of effective drug and vaccine supply and poor delivery of public veterinary services to producers
- Lack of systematic breeding and selection strategies
- Limited selling options for farmers in the local markets – buyer's market
- Information asymmetry and limited horizontal and vertical integration along the value chain



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Our vision: “By 2020, sustainable market oriented sheep production system that contributes to nutrition and income of value chain actors”



## Research and development ‘best bets’

- Sustainable feed supply strategies
- Improving timeliness and efficacy of veterinary services (input supply and production)
- Establishing community-based breeding programs, including improved reproductive technologies
- Improving supply of and access to market information and developing the culture of collective action at farmers’ level
- Improving livestock market facilities
- Needs-based and focused capacity building for producers and extension agents.